for two months.

From Thos. Hall, Mrs. Ross, David Ross, James Edgerton and Wm. Baker, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Rev. F. J. Edmunds, on behalf of the congregation of Grace M E church, asking for the use of the City Hall for one or more lectures by Mr. F. G Widdows.

The following accounts from returning officers, were referred to the Finance Committee: John Bonsor, $34; Wm. McBride, $49; James Jury, $33; Alex. Purdom, $29; John McKenzie, $39; Alex. Gunn, $56; R Dinahan, $33; C S Corrigan, $53; Arthur Wallace, $27; John M. Keary, $33. An account from Wm. Robinson, City Engineer, $1,400, for services in connection with water works since 1873, was referred to the same committee.

Moved by Ald. Rapley, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the prayer of the petition of Rev. F. J. Edmunds be granted.

Ald Campbell then moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be deferred until the petitioners have an opportunity to erase the name of the lecturer from the petition.

The vote was then taken on the amendment, which was declared lost—7 to 14.

Ald. Pritchard then moved in futher amendment, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The amendment was now put and defeated—7 to 14.

The original motion was then carried.

Yeas—Smyth, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, McNab, Keenleyside, Elleston, Glass, Browne, Rapley, Williams, Vining, Peel, J R, Peel, T.—14.

Nays—Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Murray, Regan, Christie, Egan—7.

Ald. Campbell submitted a report from the committee appointed to strike standing committees.

It was taken up clause by clause, and the report, as under, was adopted:

Finance — Ald. Campbell, Thompson, Skinner, McNab, Glass, Vining and Egan.

Fire, Water and Gas—Ald. Pritchard, Murray, Rowan, McNab, Rapley, Williams and Egan.

Board of Works—Ald. Smyth, Powell, Regan, Elleston, Glass, Christie and J. R. Peel.

Market—Ald. Smyth, Thompson, Stringer, Keenleyside, Rapley, Vining and Thomas Peel.

Hospital and Relief—Ald. Pritchard, Powell, Skinner, Keenleyside, Browne, Vining and J. R. Peel.

License—Ald. Campbell, Thompson, Stringer, McNab, Browne, Williams and Thomas Peel.

Printing.—Ald. Smyth, Powell, Stringer, Elleston, Browne, Williams and Egan.

Exhibition.—Ald. Campbell, Thompson, Regan, Elleston, Rapley, Christie and J. R. Peel.

Salaries.—Ald Pritchard, Murray, Regan, Keenleyside, Glass, Vining and Thomas Peel.

Railways — Ald. Pritchard, Powell, Skinner, Edleston, Rapley, Christie, Thomas Peel.

Park.—Ald. Pritchard, Powell, Stringer, McNab, Browne, Williams and Egan.

Board of Health.—Ald. Campbell, Murray, Skinner, Keenleyside, Glass, Williams and Thos. Peel.

Your Committee would recommend that His Worship should call the Finance, Fire, Water, Gas and Hospital Committees together to-night, after the Council adjourns, for the purpose of appointing their Chairman, and that he call the other Committees together on Wednesday evening next for the same purpose.

A by law for the appointment of auditors of 1878 was read three times and finally passed.

A by-law repealing by-law appointing John Raynor chimney sweep, and appointing John Reidy in his place, was read three times and finally passed.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that, as in the past, occasionally members of this Council have presented accounts for goods furnished to this Corporation contrary to the obligations taken by such members before taking their seats at this Board; Therefore, resolved, that in future the Finance Committee be instructed not to entertain any account coming from such a source, or from any party associated in business with any member of this Council, or yet for any work done by them or their agents. Carried.

Ald. Powell gives notice that he will at next meeting of Council move that a by-law be passed authorising taxes to be payable by instalments as provided for in an act to further amend the assessment act, 40 vic, chap. 28 of Ontario.

The Board then adjourned for one week.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 28th, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Smyth, Skinner, Regan, Stringer, Eddleston, Glass, Browne, Rapley, Vining, Thos. Peel, Murray, J. R. Peel, McNab, Campbell, Powell, Keenleyside, Thompson, Williams.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read—

From R. Roddy, City Clerk of Toronto, relative to tax exemptions. Fyled.

From Mrs. Newcombe, on behalf of W. C. A, relative to establishment of a public House of Refuge in city. Referred to Hospital and Relief Committee.

From Jas. Whitaker and Mrs. Washington, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Rev. R. W. Wallace, for free use of Hall on Sunday afternoon for temperance lecture.

Moved by Ald. Rapley, seconded by Ald. T. Peel, that the Hall be granted.

Moved in amendment by Ald Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the Hall be granted on payment of current expenses, the Finance Committee to report what the expenses shall be.

His Worship ruled Ald. Rapley's motion out of order.

Ald. Pritchard's resolution was then carried on the following vote:

Yeas—Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Murray, Powell, Skinner, Regan, McNabb, Glass, Vining.

Nays—Smyth, Stringer, Elleston, Browne, Rapley, Williams, T. Peel, J. R. Peel.

Ald. Keenleyside was excused from voting.

Ald. Campbell reported verbally that the contract for the improvements to the Court House had been awarded to Messrs Broadbent & Overell, their tender being $12,455.

Ald. Powell moved that the motion passed August 27th, depriving the *Advertiser* of city work, be rescinded.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the matter be referred to the Printing Committee. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that in case any member of this Council order the erection of lamps, without first obtaining the sanction of the Council, he shall be held personally responsible, and that the Chamberlain be instructed not to pay any such account.

The motion carried.

Ald. Powell moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that Ald Murray's name be substituted on the Finance Committee for Ald. Thompson's; and that the mover's name be erased from the Board of Works and Ald. Thompson's inserted instead. Carried

Ald. Regan moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee be instructed to make a new contract with the City Gas Company for gas supplied the city. Carried.

Ald. Powell gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the Council he will move that the present by-law relating to the appointment of a medical visiting staff to the City Hospital, and other matters connected with said by-law, be repealed; and that the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare a by-law in accordance with instructions from Hospital Committee, to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Ald. Thompson gave notice that he would move at next meeting,—"That in order to 'elevate the standard' of this Council, the proceedings be opened in future with prayer, and that ex-Monk Widdows be engaged as Chaplain for the Board, and that the Salaries' Committee be requested to report the amount to be paid for his spiritual services, and should any of the seven disaffected Aldermen absent themselves during the service, that they be expelled from this Council forthwith."

The Board then adjourned for two weeks.